STATEMENT

The terrorist outfits have increasingly resorted to abductions, particularly of soft targets in the recent past. These abductions have generally been carried out by them to intimidate specific groups like intelligence personnel, para-military forces including police personnel, political activists and leaders; suspected informers, section of the population attempting to defy the dictates of the militants and also for extortion/ransom money. It is also done to create panic amongst public at large or at the behest of their mentors across the border.

64 persons were abducted by the terrorist outfits since Ist January, 1992; 17 in January, 16 in February, and 31 in march (Up to 28 -03-92). 7 suspected terrorists were released on bail/parole since Ist *January, 1992 in exchange of hostages. As on 30th March, 1992, 11 persons are still in the captivity of terrorist outfits. Efforts continue to seek their release.*

Supply of Fuel wood for the Cremation Grounds in Delhi

5732. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Delhi Administration., is getting the supply of fuel wood for the cremation grounds through private contractors;

(b) if so, how much fuel wood was purchased during the last three years and the amount paid, year-wise;

(c) the amount received by the M.C.D. by selling the same fuel wood for the cremation grounds during the above period, year-wise;

(d) whether the M.C.D. received less amount than actually paid for the same fuel wood to the private contractors; and

(e) if so, the extent of loss suffered by the M.C.D. during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Information regarding purchase and sale of fuel wood during the last three financial years is as under :-

Quantity of fuel wood purchased.		*Amount paid*	*Amount received from sale*
Year	*QTY. (Qtl.)*	*(In lacs)*	*(In lacs)*
1988-89	1,08,435.03	Rs. 72.43	Rs. 55.68
1989-90	1,04,461.30	Rs. 66.39	Rs.50.62
1990-91	80,312.45	Rs.71.14	Rs.57.40

(d) and (e). The MCD has reported that it has not suffered any loss on account of sale of fuel wood. The information given in reply to parts (b) and (c) above is in respect of the wood actually sold.

Availability of Compost

5733. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRI CULTURE be pleased to state: